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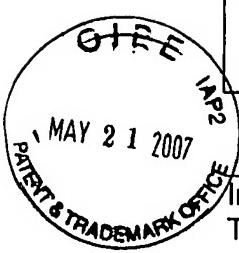
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### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 20, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.